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SECURITY INFORMATION

COUNTRY Austria (Soviet Zone)

REPORT

TOPIC Information from a Soviet Staff Sergeant from Bruck on the Leitha River

EVALUATION

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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On 11 September 1953, a Soviet staff sergeant from Bruck/Leitha (P 49/X 77), who was a member of the 1930 class, belonged to the Chuvash tribe and was on a visit trip to a member of his unit hospitalized in Baden.

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1. Comment. It is definitely expected that the members of the 1930 class will be discharged in the fall of this year. In view of Order No 80 by the Defense Minister of the U.S.S.R., dated 5 September 1953, it is even possible that the 1931 class, the majority of whose members was inducted in the spring of 1951, will be discharged by 1 January 1954. Since the induction of the 1934 class and deferred members of senior classes cannot make up for the reduction resulting from the discharge of the 1930 and 1931 classes, it is expected that the strength of the units will decrease after the fall of 1953. It is possible, therefore, that the Central Group of Forces will have to go without major replacements in this fall.

2. Comment. The Group of Occupation Forces in Germany also essentially loosened the leave regulations after July 1953 in an attempt to establish closer contact with the population.

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